DATE: October 8, 2008

TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners

FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services

SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY   NO. 25-2008**
             Voluntary Pre-shipment Treatments for Asian Citrus Psyllid

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the Cooperative Asian Citrus Psyllid Quarantine Project have developed a protocol for the voluntary pre-shipment treatment of regulated articles originating outside the State Interior Quarantine for Asian Citrus Psyllid (CCR 3435) and destined for movement within the quarantine area.

Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) host nursery stock produced outside of the ACP quarantined area, and destined for sale inside the quarantined area, does not require treatment or certification. However, nurseries may request pre-shipment treatment and certification to facilitate intra-quarantine movement of their product once it has entered the quarantined area.

The voluntary pre-shipment treatment protocol is attached and available on the CDFA Extranet website.

The United States Department of Agriculture and CDFA will not be responsible for reimbursement of certification and inspection fees associated with voluntary pre-shipment treatments. Counties may opt to recover certification and inspection fee(s) from the establishment requesting pre-shipment treatment.

Counties that receive requests for pre-shipment treatments should contact the Cooperative Asian Citrus Psyllid Quarantine Project at (619) 698-1046 to discuss the most current protocols for treatment and certification.

For questions regarding this advisory, please contact Melinda Mochel at (916) 654-0312 or by e-mail at: mmochel@cdfa.ca.gov or the Cooperative Asian Citrus Psyllid Quarantine Project at (619) 698-1046.

Attachment

COOPERATIVE **ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID** QUARANTINE PROJECT
VOLUNTARY PRE-SHIPMENT TREATMENT PROTOCOL

Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) host nursery stock, produced outside of the ACP quarantined area, destined for sale inside the quarantined area, does not require treatment or certification. However, nurseries may request pre-shipment treatment and certification to facilitate intra-quarantine movement of their product once it has been moved into the quarantined area.

Counties receiving such requests should contact the Cooperative ACP Quarantine Project at **(619) 698-1046** to discuss the most current protocols for treatment and certification.

The guidelines below have been developed to ensure consistent treatments and record keeping between the Cooperative ACP Project and the county agricultural commissioners (CAC) outside the ACP quarantined area.

CACs must complete the following to certify
ACP regulated articles for intra-quarantine movement:

1. **Supervise each approved systemic and foliar pre-shipment treatment.**
   - *ACP "Approved Treatments" can be found on CDFA's Extranet under <Programs>, <Interior Exclusion>, <Selected Quarantine Projects>, <ACP Approved Treatments for Nurseries>*

2. **Certify each pre-shipment treatment for movement as required by the ACP Project.**
   - *CQC verifying treatment and tag numbers*

3. **Issue a light blue numbered tag to the nursery for each tree that underwent an approved supervised treatment (nursery is responsible for tagging each tree).**
   - *Contact Melinda Mochel at (916) 654-0312 to obtain tags*

4. **Use Project issued ACP Treatment Record to record tag numbers and treatment information for all pre-shipment treatments.**
   - *"ACP Treatment Record" can be found on CDFA's Extranet under <Programs>, <Interior Exclusion>, <Selected Quarantine Projects>, <ACP Treatment Record>*

5. **Fax ACP Treatment Record <u>and</u> copy of CQC to Project the same day as treatment occurred to ensure accuracy of the Project's master treatment list.**
   - *Fax: (619) 464-3527*

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